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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HIRATSUKA ET AL.

Examiner

Robert B. Mondesi

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' election of Invention of Group I, **Claims 1-9**, in response to the restriction requirement mailed March 22, 2005 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). Therefore the requirement is still deemed proper and is made FINAL. **Claims 1-10** are pending. **Claim 10** is withdrawn. **Claims 1-9** are presently under examination.

Priority

The current application filed on April 20, 2001 claims priority to foreign application, JAPAN 2000-208632 filed on July 10, 2000. Certified translation of the foreign document JAPAN 2000-208632 has not been provided.

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS filed March 30, 2001 has been received and is signed and considered, a copy of the PTO 1449 is attached to the following document.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Hiratsuka et al., 2000.

Hiratsuka et al. disclose a microsize device comprising (a) a glass silica (Page 297, Figure 1) substrate having a linear track groove; (b) an arrangement of motor protein molecules deposited on the bottom of the linear track groove, wherein the motor protein is kinesin (Page 297, Figure 1; and (c) track proteins, such as microtubules, disposed on the arrangement of the motor protein molecules, the linear track groove has a ring formed pattern (Page 297, Figure A) having side surfaces shaped in a moving direction controlling structure which permits a linear movement of the track proteins moving in a specific direction but inhibits the track proteins moving in a direction reverse to the said specific direction to cause reversion for the movement in the said specific direction (Page 296, lines 13-28).

Hiratsuka et al. teach that the microsize driving device as described above has a moving direction controlling structure that is a patterned structure of which, in a part of the side surfaces of the linear track groove, the track has a width narrowing toward the specific direction and broadening toward the reversed direction (Page 296, lines 29-32; Page 267, Figure 3).

Hiratsuka et al., 2000 teach all the elements of **claims 1-9** and these claims are anticipated under 35 USC 102(b).

Conclusion

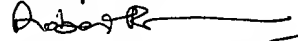
No claims are allowed.

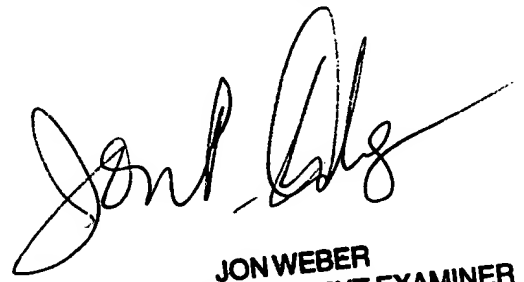
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Mondesi whose telephone number is 571-272-0956. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber can be reached on 571-272-0925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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